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The Buzz!

An Educator's Newsletter for Events, Opportunities, Grants, and More!

May 15, 2015

MAEF Wants You!

MAEF continues to need two **Part-Time Mobile Ag Lab** teachers. One position is available for South-Central Maryland (Howard/Prince Georges) and another for Western Maryland (Garrett/Allegheny/Washington)! Please call or email Diana with your interest! 410-939-9030 dtyler@maefonline.com

Mid-Atlantic Farm-Based Education Network Update

Maryland Horse Curriculum Project

First Meeting
"Nuts and Bolts" at Maryland Department of Ag, Second Floor Conference Room
9:30am - 2pm, Thursday **May 21, 2015**

Second Meeting
"The Art of Outdoor and Experiential Education" at Swan Harbor Farm, Havre de Grace
9:30 - 2pm, Thursday **June 11, 2015**

Farm-Based Education Gathering at Fernbrook Farms
This event for Bordentown, New Jersey, is now rescheduled for Fall 2015. Date TBA!

May 29th Green School Youth Summit!

MAEOE at Sandy Point State Park

The annual Youth Summit, **May 29, 9am - 2pm**, will be held at Sandy Point State Park, along the shores of the majestic Chesapeake Bay. This event is for all Maryland Schools. Teachers and students are invited to discover programs and resources for their schools, through hands-on

learning with local environmental education providers. It is a day of celebration for new and recertifying Green Schools and Green Centers. Whether or not you are receiving an award, attendees participate in award ceremonies, youth leadership activities, and the environmental literacy fair.
$2 per student, chaperone and teacher (the fee is to defer the costs of the event).
Contact greenschools@maeoe.org if you are interested in bringing more than 100 people. We are limited to 3000 people total and want to allow as many schools to attend as possible!

Historic Farms to Visit in May!

MAEF Recommended

Why not make a summer outdoors resolution with the family, youth group, or students to visit a living history farm? Through the end of the school year and into the summer we'll feature two of our favorite Maryland and close-by ag history sites for you to visit!

Sotterley Plantation National Historic Landmark
Sotterley is the only Tidewater plantation in Maryland open to the public that is a testament to all those that lived, died, labored, and resisted here. Located in St. Mary's County, the plantation presents as accurate portrayal agricultural, commerce, and labor during the Colonial Era 1699-1785. Colonial revival gardens, heritage livestock, a Saturday farmers market (featuring period crops), tours, education programs, and a topnotch collection of restored buildings - check out the corncrib!
Informative video history here https://youtu.be/hCwKZcCSTjg
Website http://www.sotterleyplantation.com/index.htm

Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation, Media, PA
This 120 acre 1760 Colonial period farm is within Ridley Creek State Park just northwest of Philadelphia. It was on farms such as this - near Philadelphia and other Eastern port cities - that the full impact of King George's taxes were felt. Stirrings of rebellion were cultivated here and on surrounding area farms, while the Pratt family fathers and sons and their farming neighbors enthusiastically joined the ranks of Washington's Army. The site is full of living history, accurate restorations and interpretation, trails, tours, indoors and out. Only open on weekends early spring through late fall. http://www.colonialplantation.com/

Play Naturally!

GBCAN

Are you a Network Weaver? Learn about this new concept for creating strong connections at the "Play Naturally" networking event Thursday **May 29, 5:30pm - 8:00pm**. Sponsored by the Greater Baltimore Children and nature Collaborative, a presentation about "network weaving" will be followed by plenty of time to connect with community leaders across the sectors of health, education, childcare, faith, art, recreation and the environment.

Explore the many ways that youth can connect with the playful, healthy, and wondrous natural world within in our city! Space is limited to 180 participants. Light dinner fare and beverages will be served.

RSVP today by emailing GBCAN2015@gmail.com, or by phone 443-857-2657 or 410-396-7020.

Maryland STEM Festival!

The 1st statewide Maryland STEM Festival will be held **November 6-15, 2015**. It will consist of over 100 events across the state of Maryland. The goal of the festival is to encourage students of all ages across the state to choose STEM related careers, to showcase Maryland's STEM achievements, and to further integrate Maryland's STEM focused programs and institutions with the general community
The Festival is planning to have an event within 30 miles of every Maryland citizen. It will blanket the state and create a "Culture"s of STEM.

The grassroots interest across the state is growing daily for this event. The Festival has support from the Governor's Office, both US Senators and all eight US Representatives, and Maryland Department of Education. The US Army, Maryland Zoo, National Aquarium, Prince George's Community College, Girls and Boy Scouts and many others have expressed interest in hosting events. Early financial sponsors include Northrop Grumman, Tenable, GEICO, WR Grace, Stevenson University and UMBC. More information on the Festival can be found at our website, http://www.marylandstemfestival.org

The Festival is looking for your help getting the word out and seeking additional event hosts! If you have any questions, please contact Phil Rogofsky, Director, Maryland STEM Festival at mdstemfest@gmail.com .

Maryland Grain Producers Utilization Board Student Scholarship

Eight scholarships of $2,500 each will be awarded to students enrolled in an in-state or out-of-state institution working towards a BS or two-year degree leading to a career in agriculture. Application deadline is **June 1, 2015.** Please see link for more information:
Maryland Grain Producers Scholarships

Public Lecture: Old Growth Forests

Fox Haven Organic Farm and Learning Center

Join us on **May 27, 7pm - 9pm** for a presentation by Joan Maloof, biologist and author of the book "Among the Ancients: Adventures in Old Growth Forests." Joan is the founder of the Old Growth Forest Network that works to protect old growth forests across the country. A great issues investigation topic for high school biology, forestry/agriculture, and environmental science students! For registration and more information please see:
http://www.foxhavenfarm.org/events/joan-maloof-may-27th-at-7-pm-author-of-among-the-ancients-adventures-in-the-eastern-old-growth-forests/

Sustainable Ag Education Grant

Cedar Tree Foundation

The Cedar Tree Foundation is a small family fund whose grant making focuses on sustainable agriculture, environmental education, and environmental health. The Foundation does not accept unsolicited proposals, but welcomes letters of inquiry for U.S.-based work from non-profit organizations working within its program areas. Letters of inquiry are accepted at any time.

http://www.cedartreefound.org/

GoLocal Cultivating Healthy Communities Grants

Aetna Foundation

The Aetna Foundation's GoLocal: Cultivating Healthy Communities grant program supports the creation and expansion of community gardens, urban farms, and farmers markets in underserved, low-income, and minority communities nationwide. The goal is to make fresh fruits and vegetables locally available, accessible, and affordable. Beyond the garden, farm, or farmers market itself, projects must also include one or more of the following: nutrition education or cooking classes focused on the health benefits of fresh produce; growth or distribution of produce that reflects the food traditions of the target area; opportunities to learn job skills or entrepreneurship within the context of gardens, farms, or farmers markets; and opportunities for community service or volunteer work with the project. Grant awards will be a minimum of $25,000 and a maximum of $50,000 over two years. The application deadline is **May 6, 2015.**
http://www.aetna-foundation.org/foundation/apply-for-a-grant/regional-grants/index.html

Ag and Environmental Programs Grant

Harry Chapin Foundation

The Harry Chapin Foundation funds 501(c)(3) not-for-profit programs that operate in the United States that fall within the areas of Community Education Programs, Arts-In-Education Programs, and Agricultural and Environmental Programs. Grant sizes range from a few hundred dollars to a maximum of $10,000. The Foundation Board meets three times a year on an as-needed basis.
http://www.harrychapinfoundation.org/

Morning in May

Grass grows in the night
and early the mockingbirds begin
their fleet courtships over puddles,
upon wires, in the new green
of the Spanish limes.
Their white-striped wings flash
as they flirt and dive.
Wind in the chimes pulls music
from the air, the sky's cleared
of its vast complications.
In the pause before summer,
the wild sprouting of absolutely
everything: hair, nails, the mango's
pale rose pennants, tongues of birds
singing daylong.
Words, even, and sudden embraces,
surprising dreams and things I'd never
imagined, in all these years of living,
one more astonished awakening.

- Rosalind Brackenbury

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